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In early July 1953 Hwat'ae-gun,¹ a new gun created in North Hamgyong Province since the reorganization of the administrative structures in North Korea in February 1953, had the following gun offices in Song-dong (N 40-52, E 129-29) (EA-4124):

- a. Hwat'ae-gun Police Station,² at EA-398231 at the foot of a mountain, about 300 meters northeast of a highway, in a building 30 meters long and 5 meters wide, with mud walls and a wooden roof. The building had been constructed in May 1953. Two tunnels connected in a U-shape were used as air raid shelters by the policemen. A guard post was situated in front of the building and was manned by one policeman armed with a 7.62mm rifle. The station possessed one Soviet-made ZIS truck.
- b. Hwat'ae-gun Military Mobilization Center, in a mountain valley at EA-399233, approximately 150 meters northeast of the Hwat'ae-gun Police Station, in a building 13 meters long and 5 meters wide, with mud walls and a wooden roof. This building had been constructed in March 1953. At the rear of the building were two air raid shelters for the Center, spaced 10 meters apart.
- c. Hwat'ae-gun Korean Labor Party Headquarters, 10 meters northeast of the Military Mobilization Center, in a building 20 meters long and 5 meters wide, with mud walls and a red tin roof. This building had been constructed in late March 1953. There were two tunnels, connected in a U-shape, near the building.
- d. Hwat'ae-gun People's Committee, five meters northeast of the Korean Labor Party Headquarters in a building 30 meters long and 5 meters wide, with mud walls and a red tin roof. This building had been constructed in late March 1953.

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- e. Hwat'ae-gun Post Office, 15 meters in front of the Hwat'ae-gun People's Committee office, in a building 13 meters long and 4 meters wide, with mud walls and a wooden roof. Telephone lines from various government offices in the valley lead into this Post Office, from which lines lead out in the direction of Kilchu.
- f. Hwat'ae-gun Farmers' Bank, 10 meters northeast of the People's Committee office in a house 13 meters long and 4 meters wide, with mud walls and a wooden roof. A U-shaped tunnel with two entrances was immediately behind the Bank.
- g. Hwat'ae-gun Consumers' Guild, 100 meters northeast of the Farmers' Bank in a building 15 meters long and 5 meters wide, with mud walls and a tin roof. The Guild possessed one Soviet-made ZIS truck. A building immediately north of the Military Mobilization Center, 10 meters long and 4 meters wide, with mud walls and a wooden roof, was used by the Consumers' Guild as a mess hall.

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Comments

1. According to available information, the following myons were consolidated to create Hwat'ae-gun: Hago-myon (N 40-50, E 129-32) (EA-4520), Haga-myon (EA-4418), Sangga-myon (EA-4333), and Sanggo-myon (EA-5737), all formerly in Myongch'on-gun; and Tonghae-myon (EA-4211), formerly in Kilchu-gun.
2. According to information from a different source, in early July the Hwat'ae-gun Police Station was at EA-404236, in a house 12 meters long, 6 meters wide, and 2.5 meters high, with mud walls and a tin roof, on the north bank of a stream at the foot of a mountain. A second and third house were 15 meters west and 10 meters south of the Police Station.

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